

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph starting on page 15, line 12, has been amended in the following manner:

The disk drive 100 again includes the multi-axes shock actuator arm latch assembly 101 that is mounted to the base plate 102 at least generally adjacent to the voice coil motor 107. When the actuator arm assembly 111 is rotated to its “parked position,” the actuator arm latch assembly 101 is available to at least attempt to prevent non-operational shock forces that are exerted on the disk drive 100 from moving the actuator arm assembly 111 away from the ramp assembly 106 and across the data storage disk(s) 103. As will become apparent from the following description, the actuator arm latch assembly 111 pivots between non-latched and latched positions about an axis that is perpendicular to the axis about which the actuator arm assembly 111 pivots. Advantageously, this permits the actuator arm latch assembly 101 to protect the disk drive 100 from linear, rotational and combinations of linear and rotational forces that may be exerted on the disk drive 100, at least generally regardless of the direction or axes of the shock event. When the actuator arm latch assembly 101 pivots to the latched position responsive to a non-operational force, engagement of the actuator arm latch assembly 101 with a distal end 114 of the actuator arm assembly 111 will prevent further movement of the actuator arm assembly 111 away from the “parked position” on the ramp assembly 106. During the absence of a non-operational force on the disk drive 100, the actuator arm latch assembly 101 remains in the non-latched position where the actuator arm assembly 111 is thereby free to pivot under the control of the voice coil motor 107.

The paragraph starting on page 19, line 17, has been amended in the following manner:

The pivotal latch member 200 is also an elongated structure that includes a latch pivot aperture 213 to allow the pivotal latch member 200 to be mounted on the latch pivot 202 of the fixed latch

member 201. The pivotal latch member 200 also includes an elongated slot or aperture 216 which receives the guide post 214 on the fixed latch member 201 as noted. Generally, the guide post 214 of the fixed latch member 201 remains within the elongated aperture 216 of the pivotal latch member 200 during the pivoting of the pivotal latch member 201 between its non-latching and latching positions to help maintain proper alignment of the pivotal latch member 200.